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For: IN-PLANE SWITCHING MODE)
LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY)
DEVICE)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Applicant relies upon application nos. 09/114,302, filed July 10, 1998 and 09/114,302, filed January 3, 2001, for the priority benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. In the aforementioned prior applications, copies of the listed documents were either cited by the Examiner during examination or previously submitted, with corresponding English language abstracts where appropriate, by the Applicant. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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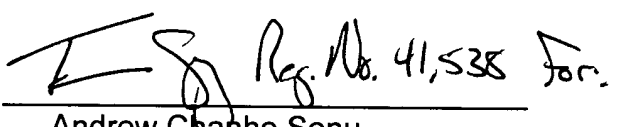
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